

## URIAH ANDRICKS.

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Mr. WOOD, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

### REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1948.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1948) granting a pension to Uriah Andricks, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, submit the following report:

This soldier was enrolled as a private May 1, 1862, in Company H, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteers, and was mustered out May 3, 1865. His service and discharge are honorable. He was pensioned under act of July 14, 1862, for enlargement of spleen, a disease of service origin, at \$2 per month. This pension was increased under act of June 27, 1890, to \$12 per month. He was dropped March 25, 1895, and a reissue made to him under act of March 2, 1895, at \$6 per month.

The committee have examined a vast mass of testimony of physicians and neighbors which was filed in the case, and also other evidence submitted to the committee. The last examination by a medical board shows him disabled fourteen-eighteenths. The other testimony fully shows that he is incapacitated for manual labor. The witnesses are all shown by letters received by the Pension Office to be credible. There is no doubt in the minds of the committee that his disability is of service origin. Indeed, the Pension Bureau concede such to be the case. The committee believe injustice was done this soldier by dropping him, thus reversing the former finding and decision of the office. There is no doubt in the minds of the committee but that under the general law this claimant is entitled to \$14 per month.

We recommend, therefore, the passage of the bill with an amendment striking out of seventh line the word "twenty-four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fourteen," and inserting between the words "late" and "of," in line 6, the word "private."